

HOUSE BILL No. 1135

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1-4.1-5; IC 20-10.1-16.

Synopsis: High school diplomas. Provides for issuance of a high school diploma upon satisfaction of minimum requirements for high school graduation and an enhanced diploma for successful completion of the grade 10 ISTEP examination. Provides that a student who does not pass the grade 10 ISTEP examination may be retested in any school year with the consent of the student's parent. Repeals references to the graduation examination and the obsolete grade 12 examination.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-10.1-4.1-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 5. ~~(a)~~ The state task
3 force is established to review and recommend to the state board for the
4 state board's approval the following:

5 (1) The educational proficiency standards described in
6 IC 20-10.1-16-6.

7 (2) The content and format of the ISTEP testing program,
8 including the ~~graduation examination, under IC 20-10.1-16, and~~
9 the passing scores required at various grade levels.

10 SECTION 2. IC 20-10.1-16-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 8. (a) The state
12 superintendent shall develop an ISTEP program testing schedule in
13 which:

14 (1) each student in grades 3, 6, 8, and 10 must be tested; and ~~each~~
15 student must take a graduation examination;

16 (2) a student who does not meet the educational proficiency
17 standard tested in the grade 10 examination may retake the



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grade 10 examination in any school year with the consent of the student's parent.

(b) A student who is a child with a disability (as defined in IC 20-1-6-1) shall be tested under this chapter with appropriate accommodations in testing materials and procedures unless the individuals who develop the child's individualized education program determine that testing under this chapter, or a part of the testing, is not appropriate for the student and that an alternate assessment will be used to test the student's achievement.

(c) Any decision with regard to a student who is a child with a disability (as defined in IC 20-1-6-1) to participate in testing under this chapter, to receive accommodations in testing materials and ~~procedure~~, **procedures**, to participate in remediation under IC 20-10.1-17, or to be retained at the same grade level for consecutive school years shall be made in accordance with the child's individualized education program, subject to the ISTEP program manual, and federal law.

SECTION 3. IC 20-10.1-16-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 15. (a) As used in this section, "diploma" means a certificate of graduation that a governing body issues to a student to certify that the student has satisfied the minimum requirements for high school graduation.**

(b) As used in this section, "diploma seal" means an appropriate indicator that is imprinted, impressed, or otherwise affixed to a student's diploma to certify that the student has satisfied the minimum requirements for receiving a diploma with the indicator.

(c) A governing body of a school corporation or governing authority of a nonpublic school must provide an ISTEP+ diploma seal to a student who receives:

(1) a diploma; and

(2) a passing score on the grade 10 examination under the ISTEP program.

SECTION 4. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: IC 20-10.1-16-1.5; IC 20-10.1-16-13; IC 20-10.1-16-14.

